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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF SPANISH SUBSECRETARY OF
FISHING AND MERCHANT MARINE

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1. EMBOFF AUGUST 18 CALLED ON JAVIER CONDE, RECENTLY NAMED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL FISHING AND MARITIME AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS HIS PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING OF US-SPANISH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (SEE REFTEL). CONDE SAID HE PLANNED TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR LOS SESSION AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-8 FOR TWO-THREE DAYS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL FISHING MATTERS WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, CONDE SAID THE SUBSECRETARY OF FISHING AND MERCHANT MARINE, VICTOR MORO, WOULD LIKE TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. AT SAME TIME IF THIS CAN BE ACCOMODATED.

2. MORO, WHO IS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY TO THE MINISTER FOR ALL FISHING AND MARITIME AFFAIRS, WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS AND POSSIBLY NEW YORK FOR ONE DAY IN
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CONJUNCTION WITH PROPOSED TWO-DAY VISIT TO CANADA. CONDE SAID THAT SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ERICE) WOULD BE HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MORO VISIT, BUT EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO FACILITATE TRIP.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY SHORT NOTICE OF PROPOSED VISIT. HOWEVER, IF POSSIBLE

WE RECOMMEND THAT APPROPRIATE CALLS BE ARRANGED FOR MORO IN STATE DEPASSEC VINE, ASSTSEC OR DEPASSTSEC/OES, DEPASSTSEC NEGROPONTE), COMMERCE (ADMINISTRATOR/NOAA, DIRECTOR NMFS, ASSTSEC BLACKWELL/MARAD, AND COAST GUARD (COMMANDANT), AMONG OTHERS. MORO IS KEY SPANISH OFFICIAL WITH REGARD BILATERAL FISHING MATTERS AND ON MARITIME ISSUES SUCH AS OMEGA AND LORAN SITES IN SPAIN, SHIPPING AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATIONS (IMCO, ETC.). JAVIER CONDE PLANS TO ACCOMPANY MORO OR, IF MORO VISIT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS FISHING AFFAIRS PREPARATORY TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING. CONDE WISHES TO DISCUSS USUAL ITEMS (EARLIER ALLOCATIONS, HIGHER BYCATCH QUOTAS, REPORTING STATISTICS, LARGER WINDOWS, CLAIMS BOARD OPERATION, ETC). ONLY NEW ITEM MIGHT BE REQUEST FOR SPANISH QUOTA ON PACIFIC COAST. TODMAN

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